

January, 2017

The Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

Sandwich Isles Communications's (SIC) study area waiver does not only benefit the homesteaders and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL), it benefits the whole state. No other telephone company in Hawaii used the Universal Service Funds to help rural Hawaii. The funds that SIC has brought into the state to build the infrastructure necessary to serve the rural areas of Hawaiian Home Lands has benefitted many other industries such as the construction, engineering, landscaping and janitorial industries to name a few. Without SIC's study area waiver not only will SIC lose the funds to subsidize their services but the entire state of Hawaii will lose the funds that boost our local economy. The FCC's threatened actions will cause an entire state to lose federal funds. Not just federal funds, but federal funds that were allotted for rural areas such as those here in Hawaii and that Hawaii residents pay into. We will still be required to pay into the Universal Service Fund via our telephone bills but we will not benefit in any way. I ask that you, the FCC Commissioners, vote the right way and keep SIC's study area waiver intact.

Sincerely,

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